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Paris Oct. 25/1862

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from Cynthia & I dropped  
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8 o'clock tired sleepy & hungry  
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and felt quite unwell in the  
afternoon as I had taken



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we were ordered to move to  
Paris a distance of 14 miles.  
At noon we started & arrived  
here a little while after  
dark. The country between  
Cynthiana & this place is as  
nice as I ever saw & they  
have abundant crops of wheat  
& corn & good stock.

It was after dark when we  
passed through town here  
but they gave us the best  
union demonstration we  
have met since we left  
Newport. The town was well  
illuminated and flags waved  
everywhere & shouts for the  
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(The army says amen to that)  
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To all,

Thomas



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Your affectionate son and brother,

Thomas.

To All.